(b) if so, what are the facts thereof and the reasons therefor along with the details of the units which have to undergo such curtailment-or pruning in its moder nisation, programme;

(c) whether any compensation will be paid to the contractors already engaged for works; and

(d) if so, what is the formula to be followed to compensate the contractors and suppliers adequately so as to ensure proper confidence in the public sector undertakings?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI KHURSHID ALAM KHAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) It has been decided to execute civil construction work to the extent necessary' for construction already completed. It was decided to curtail expansion of spindleage in the case of two projects of NTC (WBAB©) in view of the limited resources and capacity in the spinning sector a'. that time.

(c) and (d) According to available information, amounts due to both con-tiacters are less than the pending advances. The contractors have not reconciled the accounts. In these circumstances, it is not possible to indicate anything about compensation.

Raids at the premise* of a tyre manu-facturer of Bangalore to detect excise duty evasion

1141. SHRI R. RAMAKRISHNAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state;

(a) whether any raids were recently conducted to detect excise duty eva sion by a big tyre manufacturer of Bangalore which has revealed excise duty evasion involving crores- of rupees; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

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THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARIj; (a) No Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Violation of foreign exchange rules by the Directors of Mis. Modi Group of Industries

1142. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK: Will the Minister of FINANCE b_e pleased to state:

,(a) whether it is a fact that some Directors of M/s. Modi Group of Industries were arrested abroad during 1985 for violation of foreign exchange rules;

'(b) if so. what are the details in this regard;

(c) whether it is also *u* fact that the case has been dropped without examining the facts of the case; and

I'd-) if net. what is the progress, SO far made in the investigation thereof and the action taken in regard thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE tSHR! JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) The Directorate of Enforcement is investigating a case against Shri K. K. Modi. Vice President of Mod; Group Ltd.: with regard to an alleged payment of U.S. $ 50,000 as surety for his son Shri l.aiit Kumar Modi, a resident in USA, who was arrested in U.S.A. by U.S. Police in May. 1985 on charge of drug trafficking and possession of deadly weapons. The investigations in the ease tire in progress. Appropriate action under the law, as. warranted by the results of investigation, will be taken.

Tea Trading Corporation of India

1143. SHRI DIPEN GHOSH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Tea Trading Corporation of India (T.T.C.IO has been made a subsidiary of the State Trading Corporation of Tndia (S.T.C.);

(b) if so, what will henceforth be the relationship between the two organisation.

particularly in. regard to export trade of tea; and

(c) 'whether there has been any change in the business operational pattern of the T.T.C.T. as a result thereof; if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKER): (a) to (c) Tea Trading Corporatiton of India was converted into a subsidiary of Stat; Trading Corporation in January, !l)S6. This will enable STC to use its marketing strength, expertise and foreign offices to compete with large multinationals who dominate the tea trade. There will be close inter-linkage between the two companies with STC's nominees on the- Board of Directors of TTCI. The operations of TTCI and STC are in the process of being rationalised to ensure greater coordination.

Alterate employment for the employees of Hindustan Sitmachiar and! Sjvmachari Bharali

1144. SHRI SHEO KUMAR MISHRA. .- SHRI KAPIL VERMA; -

Will Minister of LABOUR be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstaned Ques tion 12 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 21st February. 1986 and state:

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(a) what measures Government have taken f°r getting employment for journa lists and other employees of Hindustan Samachar and Samachar BhaFati; and

'(b) what is the total number of employees of the two news agencies and how many of them have been absorbed in the new Press Trust of India?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P.A. SANGMA): (a) The Government has appealed to the managements of P.T.I, and U.N.I, to absorb in their language News Agencies the employees of Samachar Bharatj and Hindudstan Samachaa-.

(b) Total Number of employees of Hindustan Samachar and Samachar Bharatj is about 280. P.T.T. is reported to have absorbed 40 persons so far in iheir language News Agency.

Computerisation in Banks

1145. SHRI VALAMPURI JOHN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state;

(a) whether Government are aware that the introduction of computers and mac hines for clearing cheques in banks have not reduced the average time taken in their disposal; and

Sb) whether in view thereof Government propose to slow down the process to computerisation of the banks?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) Reserve Bank of India (RBI) have installed mini computers in clearing houses managed by itself at Bombay. Madras. New Delhi. Ahmedabad, Bangalore and Hyderabad. This has, to some extent reduced the time lag for clearance of local cheques at these centres. At bigger cities like Bombay, some banks like State Bank of India and Union Bank of India have introduced mini-computers for clearing inter-branch cheques which has facilitated quick clearance of payment instruments. With the implementation of MICR Technology in a phased manner for cheque processing and installation of High Speed sorters at major Metropolitan Centres in clearing of local .|s well n, inter-city cheques at these centres would be fm-ther speeded up.

(b) Does not arise.

वस्त्र निर्यात से अर्जित विदेशी मुद्रा

1146. **श्री नत्था सिंह** : क्या वस्त्र मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि 1980-81 से 1984-85 के वर्षों के दौरान वस्त्र निर्यात से कितनी विदेशी मुद्रा अर्जित की गई ?

वस्त्र मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री खुर्शीद आलम खान) : सूती वस्त्रों के जिनमें हथकरघा वस्त्र (यार्न, फेब्रिक्स, तैयार वस्त्र तथा अन्य